

REMARKS

Through this amendment, claims 1 through 21 have been cancelled and new claims 22 through 28 have been added to this application. Applicant's attorney would like to thank Examiner Hoey for the courteous interview conducted on December 14, 2004. In that interview, the applied prior art of record was discussed with reference to a proposed claim and a prototype of the invention was shown. While no agreement as to specific allowable claim language was reached, proposed amendments were discussed which would define applicant's invention over the applied prior art references. The general nature of these amendments is outlined in the examiner's Interview Summary. It is believed that the claims as amended now incorporate the features discussed in that interview and also define over the art of record. Early allowance is requested. It is understood that the examiner may conduct a further search upon receipt of this response.

It is believed that the claims now pending in the application define patentable subject matter over the references of record. Hence, it is asserted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and it is requested that the application be issued without delay.

It is believed that no additional fees are presently due. However, should that determination be incorrect, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Patent Office officials to debit Deposit Account No. 50-0562 to satisfy any and all fees which may be due.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the undersigned
at the below listed number.

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